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RECOGNITION MODE OF A PORTABLE
ELECTRONIC DEVICE**(52) **U.S. Cl.**CPC **G10L 21/00** (2013.01)USPC **704/275**(75) Inventors: **Scott Krueger**, San Francisco, CA (US);
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A dock for a portable electronic device including a housing, a connector extending from the housing to connect the portable electronic device to the dock, a microphone integrated within the housing, and a processor. The processor is operatively coupled to receive audio input from the microphone, and in response to the audio input, transmit a message to the portable electronic device via the connector to activate a voice recognition mode of the portable electronic device.

